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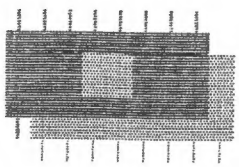

MERRY CHRISTMAS/HAPPY HANUKKAH
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR

The November meeting for the TIMEXsinclair QL User's Group - Mile High Chapter was cancelled due to severe snowy weather. Christopher (my son) and I left Colorado Springs very early in the morning for the Denver meeting. The agenda was to pick up a TI-99/4A computer in Denver, then attend the T/S QL meeting. Well, the TI computer was received and upon arrival to the club meeting was when I discovered the cancellation. The meeting was to be held at Curt Carlson's home. And since I had already arrived, Curt and I enacted our own little meeting. Curt gave a splendid demo on how to digitize video on the 2068. He also showed the different techniques on how to scan the digitized image onto his monitor. From this, we talked about the new GOLD CARD from Miracle Systems. It was then brought to my attention of TIMELINEZ's last months review didn't even discuss the hardware advantages of the GOLD CARD. Below is the addition to last months "fantastic features":

- Upwardly compatible with TRUMP CARD
- Increases RAM to 1920K
- Processing speed increased by 16MHz 68000 CPU
- Battery backed clock/calendar
- Drives 3 disks up to 3.2M bytes each

The GOLD CARD is the first QL expansion card that actually increased the processing speed of the QL. It does this by electronically substituting the 8-bit 7.5 MHz 68008 in the QL with a 16-bit 16 MHz 68000 microprocessor. There is no need to remove any chips, it's all done by the GOLD CARD via the expansion port connector. To reduce processor idling time to a minimum, the 68000 has its own 2 Megabytes of 16 bit wide RAM which, besides providing the main memory, shadows both the QL screen memory and the system ROM area to maximize the increase in speed. The net effect is that processing is typically accelerated fourfold.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.... The Editors!

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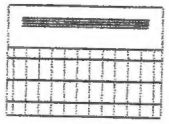
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PALMS UP FOR SINCLAIR

Every now and then, a product will arrive onto the market that will benefit all those involved with the TIMEXsinclair & Sinclair QL computers, even if said product was intended for the true blues, clones, etc.

The Atari Corporation has produced and marketed a very unique computer christened the PORTFOLIO. As Atari puts it "the PORTFOLIO is the world's first pocket-sized MS-DOS command-compatible computer...". It has all the features you would expect from a pocket computer - an address book that can store and retrieve hundreds of addresses and telephone numbers, a diary to help you plan your business and social schedule, and a sophisticated calculator with five memories. The PORTFOLIO also contains features you would expect from a desktop personal computer, like a Lotus file-compatible spreadsheet for planning and calculating budget or keeping track of expenses, and a text editor for typing memos and letters.

The PORTFOLIO can run a wide range of software applications and, with a serial interface peripheral, it can communicate with the QL or T/S 2068. Within its compact case, the PORTFOLIO has an 8x40 character LCD display with a chicklet type QWERTY keyboard. Its 128K RAM gives ample storage space. Credit card sized memory cards are used to store data and programs.

Below is a detailed listing of the 5 built-in appications:

ADDRESS BOOK: Store, sort, select and retrieve hundreds of addresses and telephone numbers. You can search and find a single address or review and select according to categories. The built-in telephone tone dialer will dial any number on a touch-tone telephone.

CALCULATOR: Gives a full range of functions, including factorial, power, and root calculations, all with multi-display formats and five memories.

WORKSHEET: Built-in Lotus 123 file-compatible spreadsheet has 127 columns x 255 rows and reads or writes Abacus .ABA, and Lotus .WKS compatible files, so you can up/down load data to and from the 2068 or the QL.

TEXT EDITOR: Handles word processing with ease, with features such as cut and paste from other PORTFOLIO applications through the clipboard, and string search

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You can use the PORTFOLIO to generate your own text or edit text produced on a Sinclair QL, T/S 2068, IBM compatible MS-DOS system, Macintosh, or an Atari ST computer. I'm sure that Amiga owners would also benifit from this.

DIARY: Plan your appointments on a comprehensive calendar and diary. A programmable alarm will remind you of your important appointments. Entries can be repeated daily, monthly, or yearly.

The hardware contained within the PORTFOLIO is impressive since Atari's marketing strategy is to sell the palm-top as a business organizer along side the Sharp's WIZARD OZ-7000 and the Casio's EXECUTIVE BOSS.

PROCESSOR: 80C88, 4.9152 MHz clock speed.

OPERATING SYSTEM: Command-compatible with MS-DOS 2.11.

INTERNAL ROM: 256K containing BIOS, operating system and built-in applications.

INTERNAL RAM: 128K including an internal RAM disk configurable from 0K to 80K.

KEYBOARD: 63 keys, Numberic keypad and function keys.

MASS STORAGE: Memory card (32K, 64K, or 128K RAM). Memory card slot emulates disk drive.

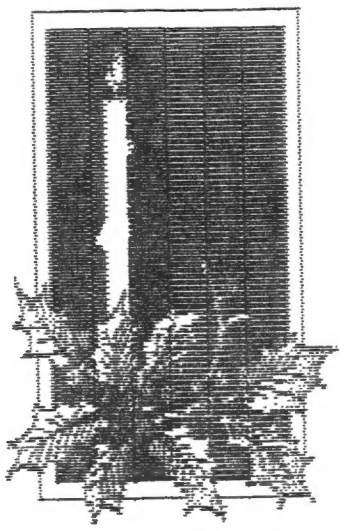
DISPLAY: Graphics LCD, supertwist technology, 40 columns x 8 lines, 240 x 64 pixels.

PERIPHERALS: 60 pin expansion bus for serial and parallel ports.

WEIGHT: Less than one pound.

MEASUREMENTS: 7 3/4W x 4.0D x 1.0H.

POWER CONSUMPTION: 3 AA Alkaline batteries gives better than 40 continuous hours. Optional 6 volt DC power supply.



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MAKE/MODEL (YOURS)_____

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COMPUTER EXPERIENCE (YEARS)_____(MONTHS)_____

PROGRAMMING INTERESTS ARE?
BASIC_____ASSEMBLY_____
FORTH_____MACHINE CODE_____
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LIST MAIN INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES
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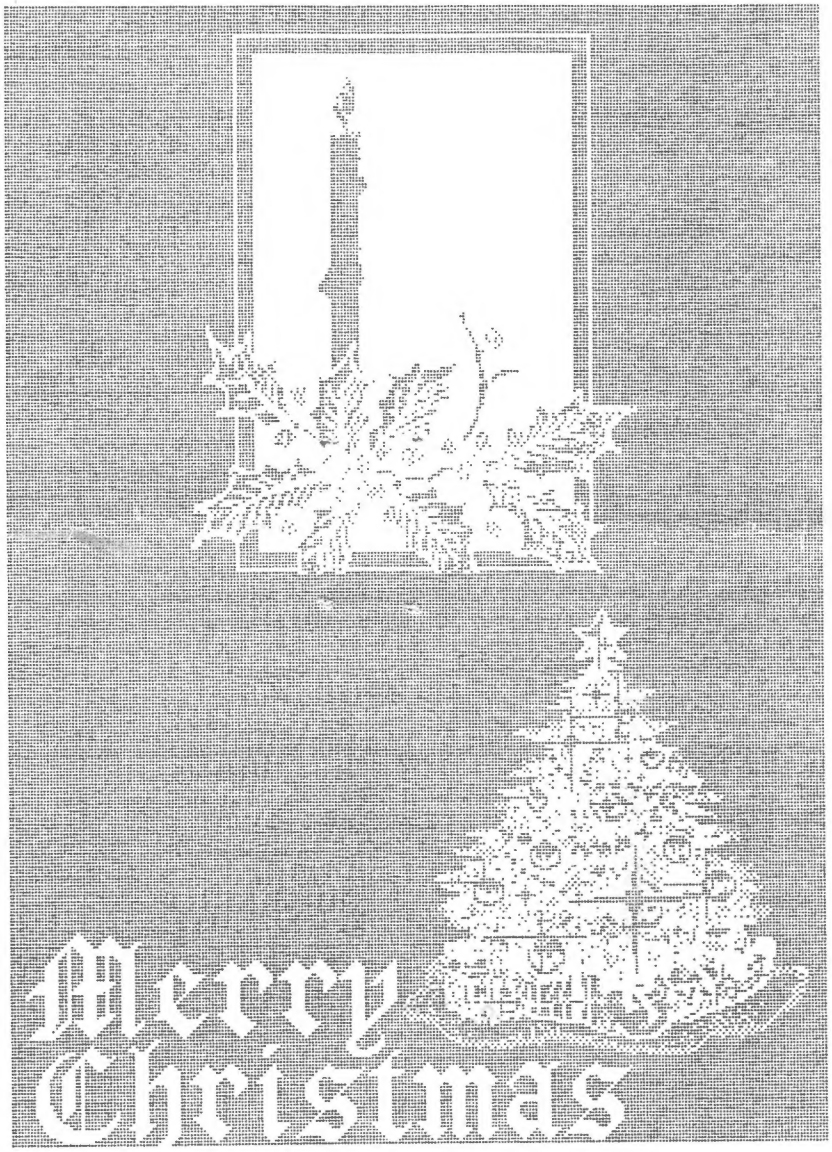

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